

B4L Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assoc.

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The 146th annual Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association meeting was called to order by Pres. Bill Hancock at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2015 at John W. Rawlings Heritage Center in Las Animas, Colo. There were about 50 people in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen members, who recessed to their own annual meeting.

Industry reports were given by Steve Keefer, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Chris Whitney, Colorado Brand Board commissioner, Fred Lombardi, Colo. Beef Council director, Sallie Miller, Colo. CattleWomen president; Bob Patterson, CCA board president-elect, and Terry Fankhauser, CCA exec.vice president. A legislative update was given by State Sen. Larry Crowder.

Pat Ptolemy moved and Dave Mendenhall seconded to dispense with the reading of the 2014 annual meeting minutes and approve them as written. Motion passed.

Amber Freouf gave the audit committee's report on the past fiscal year spending. Hans Hasser moved and Bill Gray seconded to accept the fiscal year financial report. Motion passed. Freouf also presented the proposed budget. Hasser moved and Lori Chase seconded to approve the budget. Motion passed. Susan Russell highlighted the printed Endowment Trust's statement of condition and financial statement prepared by Pat Karney.

Pres. Hancock noted that the board approved to loan the association's original minutes to the John W. Rawlings Heritage Center. A committee has been appointed to assemble the minutes.

There were no resolutions.

The nominating committee report was given by Immediate Past Pres. Reggy Lusk, with the slate of: Pat Ptolemy, president; Colby Mick, 1st vice president; Nolan Davis, 2nd vice president; and Susan Russell, secretary/treasurer. Milton Rink moved and Hans Hasser seconded to close nominations and accept the officer slate by acclamation. Motion passed.

Lusk then presented the slates for 1-year director terms with 4 representatives per district. Baca County - Randy McEndree, Amanda Sanders, Derek Schroder and Ron Wait. Hans Hasser moved and Bill Gray seconded to close nominations and approve the slate by acclamation. Motion passed.

Bent County - Lori Chase, Tim Erickson, Pat Karney and Joe Kasza. Hans Hasser moved and Leonard Pruett seconded to close nominations and approve the slate. Motion passed.

Kiowa County - Bruce Fickenscher, Ron O'Neal, Timy Trosper and Dustin Wyckoff. Leonard Pruett moved and Timy Trosper seconded to close nominations and approve the slate. Motion passed.

Otero / Crowley County - Bill Gray, Tyler Karney, Leon Leonard, and Dave Mendenhall. Hans Hasser moved and Leonard Pruett seconded to close nominations and approve the slate. Motion passed.

Prowers County - Amber Freouf, Matt Neuhold, Leonard Pruett and Milton Rink were nominated. Cade Hasser was nominated from the floor. Milton Rink declined the nomination and encouraged support of the younger nominees. Curtis Russell moved and Bill Gray seconded to accept the revised slate by acclamation. Motion passed.

Lusk also reported that Kevin Hefley and Bill Hancock will join himself as three past presidents rounding out the board.

There was no further business. The sponsors were thanked and the remaining day's agenda announced. Clyde Greer moved and Lori Chase seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The business session ended at 12:05 p.m. A team scramble, punch bowl, banquet and dance to follow.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Russell, secretary